

The Voice Of the People

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ABOUT FREEHOLDERS' LEAGUE

Editor Torrance Herald:
In order to correct any false impression that may have gone forth regarding the organization of the Freeholders' league here, I have been requested by members to write this letter to you for publication. The Freeholders' league was organized for the purpose of banding together small property owners into a non-political, non-religious association to consider public questions such as oil rights, municipal ownership of the water system, extension of the lighting system, paving projects, etc., and to compel respect of the rights of its members by governing bodies.

At a meeting last Wednesday night 160 were present. One hundred and four took an active part in the voting. Eighty-seven joined the organization.

Lee R. Taylor presided. He was not the "uninvited" chairman, but was requested to preside by several of the originators of the league. Mr. Taylor is a resident and property owner in Torrance.

A committee was appointed to investigate the advisability of drilling for oil in the restricted area of Torrance. The committee follows: R. Knowles, chairman; G. R. Steadman, S. K. Noland, Mrs. Ella Flood, Mrs. Al Price. The directors of the Freeholders' league are as follows: Lee R. Taylor, G. R. Steadman, R. Knowles, Mrs. Ella Flood, Mrs. Al Price, Frank Spoon, J. A. Brady, L. E. Stoner, W. T. Klusman, S. K. Noland, Fred Burkhardt, G. G. Probert, Ben Waite.

J. J. Woods is temporary secretary and treasurer.

The Freeholders' league is picking a fight with nobody. It is organized according to the right of American citizens to organize. We expect to respect the laws of the county, state and city, but we also feel that laws should reflect the spirit of the people who must obey them. Hence our organization.
G. R. STEADMAN,
319 Coia Avenue.

WATER AND OIL

In the News Letter of August 31 are stated the fears and dangers of the unincorporated town of Lomita. These fears and dangers might be well put if we were sitting at an altitude of a thousand or more feet above sea level, and under conditions different than what we are. It is a well known fact that we are under the San Gabriel, Santa Ana water shed and that is the reason for our practically unlimited supply of water. The lime reef of rock that runs along the coast line of this water shed, that holds the salt water back retains our fresh water at practically sea level, and in places where it is embayed by a reef above sea level it gives an artesian flow. Now if we were sitting at an altitude of a thousand or more feet and we had a hard shell that held this water up to sixty or a hundred feet, and by breaking that shell you would release that water to flow out through an open formation at a lower depth, there would be danger of lowering the water level, but it is a well known fact that no cavities or open formation below sea level is extensive enough to make any material difference on such a water shed as we have here. And if there were, Lomita could not protect it here by incorporating about three sections of land; and as far as mixing our water with the shallow oil seepages, the Bible years ago told us the water and oil would not mix. The city of Los Angeles is spending thousands of dollars for oil to seal their reservoirs, and in many localities oil, water and gas are taken from the same hole. All that has to be done is to put it in a reservoir, and draw the water from the bottom and the oil from the top. From the best authority that I can find Lomita has nothing to fear for her water supply, as far as the oil wells are concerned.—J. A. SMITH.

NOTICE INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS

Pursuant to statutes and to resolution of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance directing this notice, said Board hereby invites sealed proposals or bids for doing the following work in said city, to-wit:

That the roadway between the curb lines of 222nd Street from the most westerly line of Cabrillo Avenue westerly to the most easterly line of Arlington Avenue, the western roadway of Cabrillo Avenue from the northern curb line of 222nd Street southerly to a line forty feet southerly from and parallel to the most northerly line of Plaza Del Amo, the northern roadway of Plaza Del Amo from the most westerly line of Cabrillo Avenue westerly to the most easterly line of Arlington Avenue, the roadways of Andree and Gramercy Avenues from the most southerly line of 222nd Street southerly to the most northerly line of Plaza Del Amo, shall be graded to the official

grade and paved with asphalt pavement consisting of asphaltic concrete foundation course two and one-half (2½) inches thick and "National Pavement wearing surface" one and one-half (1½) inches thick.

That concrete curb shall be constructed along the southern curb line of the northern roadway of Plaza Del Amo from the most easterly line of Arlington Avenue easterly to the westerly curb line of Cabrillo Avenue.

The above said work shall be done in accordance with the specifications adopted by ordinance No. 19 and known as specifications No. 1 and the plans and specifications adopted by resolution adopting specifications No. 135, all of which are now on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Attention is hereby directed to the "National Pavement Corporations License Mixture Agreement," dated June 19, 1923, on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Torrance, California.

That said contemplated work and improvement, in the opinion of the said Board of Trustees, is of more than local or ordinary public benefit, and said Board hereby makes the expense of said work and improvement chargeable upon a district of lands, which said district said Board hereby declares to be the district benefited by said work and improvement, and to be assessed to pay the costs and expenses thereof; which said district is bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point 50 feet easterly from the westerly line of Cabrillo Avenue and distant two hundred and eighty-five and forty-two hundredths (285.42) feet north of the northern boundary line of 222nd Street in the City of Torrance, and running thence southerly and parallel with the westerly line of Cabrillo Avenue to the center line of Plaza Del Amo; thence westerly along the center line of Plaza Del Amo to the eastern boundary line of Arlington Avenue; thence northerly along the said easterly line of Arlington Avenue to a point two hundred and eighty-five and forty-two hundredths (285.42) feet north of the northern boundary line of 222nd Street; thence easterly in a straight line to the point of beginning; saving and excepting from the above bounded and described area the area of all public streets, avenues and alleys contained therein.

Notice is Hereby Given that serial bonds to represent unpaid assessments, and to bear interest at the rate of seven per cent (7%) per annum, will be issued hereunder in the manner provided by the improvement bond act of 1915, the last installment of which bonds shall mature nine years from the second day of July next succeeding nine months from their date.

Reference is hereby made to Resolution of Intention No. 136 of said Board of Trustees declaring its intention to order said work to be done, for further particulars, which said resolution is on file in the office of the city clerk.

All proposals or bids shall be accompanied by a check made payable to the city of Torrance, certified by a responsible bank for an amount which shall not be less than ten per cent of the aggregate of the proposal.

Said sealed proposals or bids shall be delivered to the clerk of said city on or before 3 o'clock p. m. of Tuesday, September 18th, 1923, said time being not less than ten days from the first publication and posting of this notice. Bids will be opened and read on said day and hour.

(Seal) A. H. BARTLETT,
Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance.

Dated September 7th, 1923. 14

NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR CITY PRINTING

Sealed bids are hereby requested from all newspapers of general circulation as same are defined by section 4460, Political Code, qualified

to publish notices, ordinances, resolutions and other legal publications and advertising for the City of Torrance, for the doing of said advertising and printing for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1924.

Said bids will be opened September 18, 1923, at 8:15 P. M.

By order of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance,
ALBERT H. BARTLETT,
City Clerk.

ORDINANCE No. 67

An Ordinance Granting to Union Tool Company, Its Successors and Assigns, for the Term of Twenty-One Years From the First Day of October, 1923, the Franchise, Right and Privilege to Lay, Maintain and Operate Railroad Tracks Across Certain Streets in the City of Torrance.

The Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance do ordain as follows:

Section 1
The Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance hereby grants to Union Tool Company, a corporation, its successors and assigns, for the term of twenty-one (21) years from the First day of October, 1923, subject to all the terms and limitations hereinafter made and expressed, the franchise, right and privilege to lay, maintain and operate railroad tracks across that certain portion of 213th Street in the City of Torrance included within the following boundary lines:

Beginning at the Southwest corner Block 114, Torrance Tract, as per map recorded in Map Book 22, pages 94 and 95, Los Angeles County Records; thence Easterly along the southerly line of 213th Street 96 feet; thence northerly in a straight line to the northerly line of 213th Street; thence easterly along said northerly line of 213th Street to its intersection with the westerly line of said Block 114; thence southwesterly along the westerly boundary line of said Block 114 to point of beginning.

Section 2
The rights, privileges and permissions herein granted to said corporation are dependent for their continuance and validity upon the performance of said corporation of all the conditions hereinafter set forth, to-wit:

1. That the construction work on said tracks shall be done so that when completed same shall conform to grades of the City of Torrance and all approaches to such tracks and paving between the rails of such tracks shall be constructed and maintained in good repair at the expense of the grantee under such franchise.

2. Said corporation shall construct suitable culverts for the passage of water at such points as may be by the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance deemed necessary on the road bed of said railroad and shall maintain the same in proper repair.

3. Said corporation shall not use the said tracks in such a manner as to hinder or delay traffic upon said street across said tracks for any longer than three (3) minutes at any one time.

Section 3
The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published once in the Torrance Herald, and thereupon and thereafter this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect.

Approved: W. H. GILBERT,
President of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance.

Attest: ALBERT H. BARTLETT,
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

(Seal)

State of California, County of Los Angeles.—ss.

I, Albert H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City of Torrance, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 4th day

of September, 1923, by the following vote:

Ayes: Trustees Fitzhugh, Proctor, Stone and Gilbert.

Noes: Trustees None.

Absent: Trustee Nash.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal of said City.

(Seal) ALBERT H. BARTLETT,
City Clerk.

COACH AND CAR CRASH

The car driven by C. C. McCormick of Long Beach, was mused up quite a bit when it was struck by Motor Coach Co. 5, Carson street. Mr. McCormick did not see the coach, and the driver of the latter did not think McCormick would attempt to cross. Result, a crash. "Nobuddy was hurt."

IDEAL BOARDING HOUSE

Robert Clark has returned from a two weeks' visit at his old home in South Dakota. Mr. Clark's family, motoring through, are expect-

ed here in a few days.

A. Anderson, of the "House of Parr Values," has returned from a three weeks' vacation at Yellowstone park.

Mrs. Ada Diem, accompanied by Mrs. A. Aliday of the El Prado apartments, was entertained today by Long Beach friends.

T. V. Biddle is on a business trip to his home in Hanford.

Floyd Parker was entertained over Labor Day by San Francisco friends who are spending some time in Los Angeles.

WOULD CLOSE ALLEYS

The state railroad commission has recommended that Olive avenue and the alleys between Cherry and Apple streets and Cherry streets and Arlington avenue be closed at their intersections with the Santa Fe right of way. The recommendation was submitted to the board of trus-

tees Tuesday night by City Attorney P. G. Briney. It was referred to the city engineer. The commissioners believe that the closing of the street and alleys will eliminate danger of accidents.

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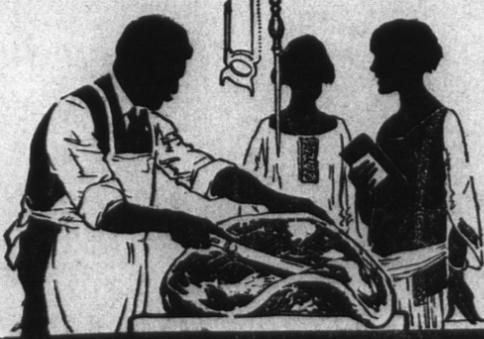
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